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PITTSBURG MERCHANTS

WERE HERE TWO HOURS TO-DAY.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT IS NOW LOOKED FOR

PACKERS MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS SITUATION.

ARBITRATION IS EXPECTED AND IN THAT EVENT THE MEN WILL GO BACK TO WORK AT ONCE.

CHICAGO, July 15.—Rapid progress was made early Thursday toward the conferences which may bring arbitration and peace in the great strike of twenty-two thousand butcher workmen at the stock yards.

J. Ogden Armour called a conference of the packers and discussed plans for an immediate peace meeting with the leaders of the striking workmen.

International President Michael Donnelly, of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen, on behalf of the men, awaited the result of the packers conference, reaffirming his statement that the men stood ready to arbitrate under proper conditions.

With arbitration in the air quiet prevailed at the stock yards. Many families suffered bereavement through the terrible wreck on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois, and sorrow diverted trouble from the war at the yards. The packers kept up the work of turning their plants to garrison in case the arbitration should fail and almost three hundred additional men were smuggled into the yards during the hours of early dawn under heavy police guard and lodged in the plants. A strong force of police was thrown into the Polish settlement at Gross avenue and Forty-sixth street at sunrise.

This first long step toward arbitration came through the letter sent by International President Donnelly to J. Ogden Armour. This letter was brought in part by the work of the members of the Illinois State board of arbitration. It said, in substance: "We have never refused arbitration; we are willing to arbitrate under certain conditions and are ready to do it now providing practical packing men are the arbitrators."

This morning the packers met in executive session in the directors room at the stock yards to discuss the strikers' acceptance of arbitration. There were present at the meeting J. Ogden Armour, Arthur Meeker and Thomas Connors, of Armour & Company; L. F. Swift and Edward Swift, of Swift & Company; Edward Morris, of Nelson, Morris & Company; K. H. Bell, of the National Packing Company; Max Sulzberger, of Schwarchild & Sulzberger Company.

Meanwhile the strikers' leaders were in session at their union headquarters.

If the strikers accept the terms of arbitration proposed by the packers a joint conference probably will be held to-day.

The leading packers will be present and the workers will be represented by President Donnelly, President Compers, John Floerck, president of the Packing Trades Council; William G. Schardt, president Chicago Federation of Labor, and the members of the State board of arbitration. The latter are Walter J. Mathies, Chauncey Geiger and Dennis J. Hogan.

If an agreement can be reached it is probable that the men will be ordered back to work immediately pending the arbitration.

Fearful that a single spark of trouble might bring another serious riot in the great stock yards strike the police guard about the yards was increased to-day by heavy detachments. In some quarters the number of police was more than doubled.

So serious was the temper of the men that the highest officials of the packing trades council made tours in person, breaking up the knots of excited men and pleading for quiet and order. In several instances these officials were threatened with rough treatment. While this work was going on International President Donnelly, of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen met this

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GOOD FALL TRADE

IS LOOKED FOR BY BUSINESS MEN—"HARD TIMES" TALK IS ABSENT FROM BIG CENTERS.

COLLECTIONS ARE GOOD IN THE SOUTH, MOST MERCHANTS DISCOUNTING THEIR BILLS.

NEW YORK, July 15.—Special advices received this week from correspondents of the International Mercantile Agency in the chief commercial centers of the country indicate that apart from the usual summer dullness there is evidence of a better fall trade than merchants have been planning for. Just now there is recorded the usual lull in business that is normal to this season of the year, though some industries report a demand for their products that outstrips the preparation that had been made to accommodate it. The crop situation and the political outlook seem to have cheered commercial communities very much and to have removed some of the feeling of doubt and discouragement that has been so marked a feature of business life the past eight months.

The one new disturbing feature is the strike of the packing house employes which began in the West and is extending over the country. From the West and Northwest, the reports regarding crop conditions are more encouraging than they were a week ago. The floods throughout the winter wheat section though entailing a great deal of loss to growers and railroads, subsided quickly and probably left much smaller percentage of damage behind than has been claimed. Kansas City reports few cancellations in the affected territory and says that crop conditions elsewhere are good. Collections in that section are a little slow, but the outlook for fall over the Red river valley, where gets some alarm over the heavy rain fall over the Red river valley, where the precipitation has been unusually severe. Midsummer dullness in the jobbing trade obtains in St. Paul. Milwaukee is more optimistic.

"Hard times" talk there is absent and merchants are pleased with the general outlook, while some manufacturers in the State who had expected to slant down during the summer months have more than they can do.

Southwest, the most promising indication is that of the discounting of bills by merchants. Collections of their bills throughout this territory as well as in the South are good. This is a contrast to Indianapolis section, where mercantile obligations are being met rather slowly.

Railroad earnings for the first week of July are somewhat irregular. When wheat begins to move the latter part of this month, the average ought to increase. Indications point to a dull season in the iron and steel trade, now that the spring demand has been satisfied. Producers are offering no concessions in the price list and buyers have begun to realize that they must meet the schedules offered or go without the material.

Excursion Picnic.

The members of the Sunday School of the Central Christian church, went on a picnic excursion to Beechwood yesterday. About one hundred were in the crowd and plenty of good things to eat were taken. The crowd went down and returned on the J. O. Watson.

If you once "get the habit," you will always buy your furniture from the Fairmont Furniture Co. Opposite postoffice.

GUESS WHERE HE'S GOING.



—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SUSPECTED CHARACTER LANGUISHES IN JAIL

FOUR WOMEN DROWNED

MOST DISTRESSING IS THE NEWS FROM A SUMMER RESORT IN VIRGINIA—WOMEN WERE TRYING TO RESCUE A COMPANION.

RICHMOND, Va., July 15.—Four women and a little child were drowned yesterday at Edgewater, a summer resort in Westmoreland county. The victims were Mrs. James Hubbard and child, of Westmoreland, and Misses Ada Helen and Harriet Keamon, daughters of Frank Keamon, of Washington.

In attempting to rescue one of their number, all of the party got beyond their depth. None could swim. Their cries were heard by men some distance away, who ran to aid them, but when they reached the place the last one had sunk.

The beach is good for bathing, but after a certain place is reached it grows deeper rapidly. One of the girls, it is thought, stepped into a hole and the others, attempting to rescue her, were drawn to their death.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY

PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN KILLS HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER AND THEN SHOOTS HIMSELF.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 15.—Edgar T. Washburn, member of the Buffalo Board of Trade, and of the grain firm of Washburn & Reacock, this morning shot and killed his wife and daughter at their home, No. 89 Putnam street, and then ended his own life by shooting.

Business trouble is supposed to have been the cause of the tragedy. Washburn was one of the city's most prominent grain merchants, and he was supposed to be worth a snug fortune.

Confessed His Guilt.

Ross Henderson went to a house at Monongah several days ago and claimed to be hungry. He was taken in and fed for a few days and when he felt better he returned the compliment by stealing a suit of clothes and several other articles. He was brought before Justice Bennington, where he confessed. He will be held for the grand jury in November.

The best—Hall's ice cream.

A MAN WITH ENOUGH ACCOUTREMENTS TO SET UP A WHOLESALE ROBBERY ESTABLISHMENT CAUGHT.

WAS BROUGHT FROM MONONGAH YESTERDAY AND PLACED BEHIND THE BARS IN COUNTY JAIL.

A dangerous character was arrested at Monongah yesterday, and the probabilities are that he is a much wanted man. It is thought by postoffice people that he has been implicated in several robberies in this State, or at least articles found in his possession would indicate such to be the case. About four months ago two postoffices in this neighborhood were entered and robbed, and a few days afterward a stranger, who gave his name as Charles S. Reed, entered Kelly's saloon, in Monongah, told a hard luck story and wanted to sell the proprietor fifty dollars' worth of postage stamps. Kelly informed the man that he was not dealing in such articles, whereupon Reed displayed a small, open-face watch, which he desired to sell, claiming that he was without means and needed money. Kelly offered to loan him a dollar on the time-piece, and the stranger gladly took it. Becoming alarmed over the possibility of receiving stolen property Kelly changed his mind, gave the man his watch, and took the dollar.

That same day the man disappeared and was not seen by Monongah people again until last Wednesday. On that day he was seen loitering around the different pool rooms, saloons and stores, and once was found in the rear of the postoffice, presumably sizing it up with a view of entering it. Chief of Police Finley followed the man's every action, and when he bought twelve cartridges in a hardware store, stepped up and arrested him, presuming that a gun was in his possession, which proved to be correct.

Besides the revolver, which is a beauty, the following articles were on his person: One comb, two pair of eye glasses, two small looking-glasses, two large pocket knives, a razor, a large piece of cloth about the size of an ordinary windowblind, two pieces of soap used by safe blowers, and four large money bags, most of which were concealed in a false pocket in the rear of his coat.

Colonel Wilbur H. Brand and Post-office Inspector E. J. Allen, went to Monongah immediately after being notified. A warrant was sworn out for Reed, and Chief Finley, as a special constable, brought the man to this place and lodged him in the county jail to await the action of the federal grand jury, which convenes at Wheeling in September.

Reed is a small, swarthy man, presumably about forty-five years of age, and has a decidedly bad eye. He is known to have a partner, but up to the present he has not been apprehended.

WOMEN GIVEN ROYAL WELCOME

BUSINESS MEN TURNED OUT TO MEET VISITORS FROM PITTSBURG.

THEY SEEMED WELL PLEASED WITH US AND WE WERE DELIGHTED WITH THEM.

The special train, consisting of seven Pullmans and a dining car, carrying about one hundred members of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, of Pittsburg, arrived in the city this morning at 9:25 o'clock, fifteen minutes late. They passed through here at seven o'clock on their way from Grafton to Mannington, and returned at the time mentioned. The first thing to give them a bad impression was a freight train standing immediately in front of the depot, which kept them waiting five or ten minutes, and they were forced to stand in a most dangerous place while the freight pulled out of the way.

Then they were given a hearty welcome by the committee from the Board of Trade, consisting of M. L. Hutchinson, president; Sam R. Nuzum, secretary; J. M. Jacobs, J. M. Hartley and George DeBolt, as many members of the local Merchants' Association as could be present, and other business men of the city. In all about fifty of our leading citizens were there to welcome them. The visitors were brought to the Watson corner where the Traction Company showed its generosity by having three cars ready to take them for a ride over the city. They went out Fairmont avenue to Eighth street, then back and out Locust avenue and returned to the Court-house, where the photographers of the Pittsburg papers made pictures of both entertainers and entertained. Then the crowd scattered, the dealers in different articles looking up their customers, present and prospective. Bankers, grocers, insurance agents, dry goods merchants, hardware merchants—in fact, manufacturers of and dealers in all the leading articles, representing over \$200,000,000 worth of property were here.

Only a few minutes could be spared at each place of business, but the visit was one of pleasure to our local business men as well as to the visitors, who had the highest words of praise for our city. The train left on its schedule time, 11:10, for Morgantown, and from there it will go to Uniontown, Connellsville and on to Pittsburg, ending the tour.

This is the first excursion ever taken by the Pittsburg association, and has been one of profit as well as of continual pleasure. The Pittsburg dealers will greatly increase their trade with this city as a result of the visit, and our local business men will profit by the visit if nothing more is assimilated than the enthusiasm which was shown. Regret was expressed by many of the visitors that there is an obstacle across the river near our city which prevents the large steamers from coming here. They realize that we cannot afford to pay as much wholesale for our goods when we have a high rate of transportation. The F. M. and P. bridge shuts out the boat traffic to a great extent, and this is felt by the Pittsburgers, and it is likely that they will use all their influence to help get the obstacle removed.

All the visitors think we have the coming city of the State, and they were not afraid to say so. Our citizens turned out to welcome them in a way that was appreciated in a high degree, and although no speeches were made, they could not have been received in a more cordial manner.

This excursion left Pittsburg July 13, and will end this evening. Beginning at Moundsville, about thirty towns have been visited, most of them in West Virginia. As guests of the association on the trip are representatives of the newspapers of Pittsburg. They are the following: Theodore Lampert and Photographer R. J. Sample, Dispatch; George A. Campsey, Times; W. Edward Cope, Post; John P. Cowan, Gazette; H. S. Silvey, Leader; E. C. Sykes, Chronicle Telegraph; T. H. Williams, Press; and Captain William Nelson, of the Western Union Telegraph. These representatives are all hustlers, and were shown around by the representa-

tives of the local papers. The following is the list of officers of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, of Pittsburg:

President—E. J. Lloyd.
First Vice President—Geo. A. Kelly.
Second Vice President—H. W. Neely.
Third Vice President—D. C. Shaw.
Treasurer—W. T. Todd.
Secretary and General Manager—Jas. W. Wardrop.

They are working for better freight service from and to Pittsburg.

Better passenger service for merchants who buy in Pittsburg. Trade excursions to enable merchants, manufacturers and bankers to visit tradesmen in surrounding sections, and thus show personal interest in this trade.

Special rate excursions to enable merchants to visit Pittsburg.

To foster present trade and establish new trade in territory that rightfully belongs to Pittsburg.

To invite manufacturers to locate in Pittsburg.

To invite and welcome conventions to Pittsburg.

Fairmont regrets to-day that some of its biggest and best entertainers were compelled to be out of the city on the arrival of the Pittsburg delegation of business men this morning. Prominent among them were Lee L. Malone, Walton Miller, L. G. Race and Col. Zack Robertson.

The hardware interests of Pittsburg were well represented in the Merchants' Association by such men as Robt. M. Repp, of Logan, Great Hardware Co.; Theo. McMurray, of J. C. Lindsay Hardware Co.; E. J. Lloyd, of Bindey Hardware Co. These men are all managers of their respective concerns, and a trio of big hearted, brainy, well-poised, hard-worked men that could not be expelled anywhere. They were also accompanied by the well-known and popular salesman, Geo. W. Dietz and L. Tranzell. They were an inspiration to hardware dealers of our city.

MANNINGTON, W. Va., July 15.—(Special.)—The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association early this morning were shown around the city by our leading citizens. Although they had less than an hour to stay, they tried to visit the leading places of business, and made many friends and customers while here. Their train left for Fairmont at 8:30.

GRAFTON, W. Va., July 15.—(Special.)—The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Pittsburg, arrived in this city last evening at 7:30 o'clock, two hours late. Notwithstanding this the places of business were kept open until the visitors arrived. They were met at the station and shown around the city by our leading business men. Judge Holt made an address of welcome. Their special train left this morning for Mannington.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., July 15.—(Special.)—The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Pittsburg, arrived here from Fairmont to-day at noon and stayed until two o'clock. The visitors were met by the leading men of the city and were shown around. Three cars took them around the town, after which they were taken to the University, where President Purinton made a short address of welcome. Then they scattered around each one visiting the industry which he was particularly interested. They left for Uniontown at 2 P. M.

PHILIPPI, W. Va., July 15.—(Special.)—The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, arrived at place last evening at 6:30 o'clock, though behind time, the business houses were kept open until the

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THE WEATHER
Fair Once More.

WASHINGTON, July 15.
Forecast for West Virginia:
Fair to-night and Saturday.

The best—Hall's ice cream.